

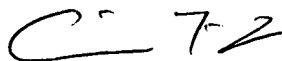
**REMARKS**

The Applicants note and appreciate the Examiner's statement that claims 1-49 are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 50-55 as being either anticipated by or obvious from U.S. Patent No. 6,145,487 to Dykstra, et al. The Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejections of claims 50-55, but have cancelled these claims without prejudice to file a continuation application thereon.

There being no remaining issues, the Applicants respectfully submit that this case is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C F Laska' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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